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## C E N T R A L P A V I L I O N

Having purchased your ticket, you go in, till  
all the leaves wrap round, till you're in yet  
another outside.

## S O U T H P A V I L I O N

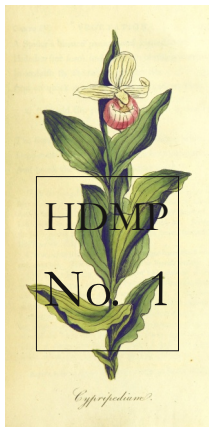
And in the hothouse tropics, each flower is a  
Cihulian fancy. & in the fevery steam, you  
look in circles for the door.

# N O R T H   P A V I L I O N

But in the cold house, the dampness always  
drips. & as there is little terra firma in mud,  
you're already elsewhere.

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